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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENTS: LONG-TERM EXCHANGES: A "BIG BROTHER"
SYSTEM (REFERENCE TO 01.02, 03, AND 21)

1. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE US EXCHANGEES' ADJUSTMENT TO THE SOVIET EXPERIENCE, EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER HAS ARRANGED A PROGRAM OF "BIG-BROTHER" OF FELLOW-EXCHANGES GUIDANCE. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, NEW EXCHANGEES WILL CONTINUE TO MEET WITH SCIENCE OFFICER FOR DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM AND PRIVILEGES WHICH EMBASSY CAN EXTEND, AND WILL BE INTRODUCED TO EMBASSY'S ADMIN AND CULTURAL SECTIONS. NEW EXCHANGEES WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY EXCHANGEES WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN MOSCOW FOR A LONGER PERIOD AND WHO WILL BE WILLING TO SHOW THE NEW EXCHANGEES THROUGH THE VAGARIES OF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM, THE GASTRONOMY OPERATIONS, THE SNACK BAR, ETC. INsofar AS POSSIBLE, "BIG BROTHERS" OF SIMILAR PROGRAM OR BACKGROUND OR FAMILY SIZE WILL BE SELECTED.

2. IN ORDER FOR THIS PROGRAM TO BE EFFECTIVE, EMBASSY MUST CONTINUE TO BE ADVISED VIA OFFICIAL CABLE OF ARRIVAL PLANS OF EXCHANGEES, SO THAT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT OF APPROPRIATE EXCHANGEES CAN BE OBTAINED. FURTHER, EXCHANGEES SHOULD BE ASKED TO CALL EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL SO THAT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT APPOINTMENT AT EMBASSY CAN BE SET WITH SCIENCE OFFICER. UNFORTUNATELY, CURRENT PRACTICE FOR THE EXCHANGEES (THE COMMISSARY IS OPEN ONLY CERTAIN HOURS THREE WORKDAYS A WEEK) AND FOR THE HOSTING OFFICES. WHEN NEW EXCHANGEES CALL, SCIENCE OFFICE WILL CONTACT BIG-BROTHER EXCHANGEES SO THAT ALL THREE CAN MEET.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, REQUESTS FOREGOING INFORMATION BE
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PASSED TO PROGRAM COORDINATORS OF LONG-TERM EXCHANGES (DR. PIRET AT ACS - 01.02; LARRY MITCHELL AT NAS - 21; DR. ROBERT FISCHER AT

DHEW - 03; PLUS ANY OTHERS SCHEDULING LONG-TERM EXCHANGES IN
MOSCOW). COMMENT OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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